

WHO Planning Consultation

Renewing and enhancing collaboration with NGOs:
towards a shared agenda”



Report of the WHO-NGO Consultation held in
Geneva, Switzerland on 22 and 23 September 2008

- NGOs = enormous variety of organisations
- Long history of WHO-NGO Collaboration: 1948+
- Diverse relationships: WHO-NGOs
 - Majority of relations “informal”
 - Formal relations = “official relations” (186 NGOs)
- Shared objectives

Why Collaborate?

- MDGs – requires all actors
- PHC- Communities are central, and so are NGOs
- Aid Effectiveness- requires effective national collaboration and inclusiveness
- Countries in Conflict – central role of NGOs
- Multisectoral action – effectiveness of NGOs

This meeting is about...

- A conversation
- Honest, open, frank discussion about health policy issues, development, collaboration
- Recognize a complex environment that is constantly changing – we are all part of it
- It is not about declarations, long lists of recommendations

Objectives of meeting

- Understand the nature of NGO activity and diverse organizational structures
- Understanding the current landscape of health and health services delivery worldwide, and thereby rekindle and guide WHO and NGO partnering
- Extensive NGO experience on delivery of primary health
- Hold promise for immediate follow-up by WHO and NGOs

Agenda

- Alex Ross, director partnerships
- Plenaries: mutual understanding
- Building together
- Introduction: Giusti PHC Agenda
 Leberghe Revitalisation of PHC
- WHO-NGO Collaboration

Recent documents

- Human Resources for Health, Kampala March 2008
- NGO Code of Conduct for Health Systems Strengthening, May 2008
- High Level Forum on Effectiveness of Aid, Accra, September 2008
- WHO-FBO Consultation: Partnership PHC
- Building Common Foundations: WHO & FBO in PHC 2008

Statements MMI (1)

- Experiences to date:
 - Scepticism
 - NGOs no say
 - WHO political
- Opportunities
 - WHO commitment for dialogue
 - NGO: watch international commitments (MDGs), but too depending on funding
- Constraints
 - WHO : “very far”, too far

Statements MMI (2)

- Long term collaboration
 - Renew PHC
 - Regular consultations
 - National antennas
 - Participative agenda setting
 - Technical advice
- PHC
 - Priority
 - Global strategy
 - Revise impact vertical programmes
 - True participation



Thank you for your attention